



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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Corey J. Romero

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RE: MUR 7426

Dear Mr. Romero:

The Federal Election Commission reviewed the allegations in your complaint received on July 13, 2018. On October 10, 2018, based upon the information provided in the complaint, and information provided by the respondents, the Commission decided to exercise its prosecutorial discretion to dismiss the allegations as to Josh Guillory for Congress and Stephanie Haney in her official capacity as treasurer, and close its file in this matter. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter on October 10, 2018. A copy of the General Counsel's Report, which more fully explains the basis for the Commission's decision, is enclosed.

Documents related to the case will be placed on the public record within 30 days. See Statement of Policy Regarding Disclosure of Closed Enforcement and Related Files, 68 Fed. Reg. 70,426 (Dec. 18, 2003) and Statement of Policy Regarding Placing First General Counsel's Reports on the Public Record, 74 Fed. Reg. 66132 (Dec. 14, 2009).

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended, allows a complainant to seek judicial review of the Commission's dismissal of this action. See 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(8).

Sincerely,

Lisa J. Stevenson
Acting General Counsel

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff S. Jordan", written over the typed name of the Assistant General Counsel.

BY: Jeff S. Jordan
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Enclosure
General Counsel's Report

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

**ENFORCEMENT PRIORITY SYSTEM
DISMISSAL REPORT**

MUR: 7426

Respondents: Josh Guillory for Congress and
Stephanie Haney, as Treasurer
(the "Committee")¹

Complaint Receipt Date: July 13, 2018

Response Date: September 6, 2018

EPS Rating:

**Alleged Statutory
Regulatory Violations:**

**52 U.S.C. § 30104(a)(2)(A)(i)
11 C.F.R. § 104.5(a)(2)(i)**

The Complaint alleges that the Committee failed to file a 2018 Pre-Primary Report, which was due on July 8, 2018. The Response admits that the Committee's 2018 Pre-Primary Report was filed late, on July 13, 2018.²

Based on its experience and expertise, the Commission has established an Enforcement Priority System using formal, pre-determined scoring criteria to allocate agency resources and assess whether particular matters warrant further administrative enforcement proceedings. These criteria include (1) the gravity of the alleged violation, taking into account both the type of activity and the amount in violation; (2) the apparent impact the alleged violation may have had on the electoral process; (3) the complexity of the legal issues raised in the matter; and (4) recent trends in potential violations and other developments in the law. This matter is rated as low priority for Commission action after application of these pre-established criteria. Given that low rating and the fact that the 2018 Pre-Primary Report was filed only five days late, we recommend that the

¹ Guillory is a 2018 candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in Louisiana's Third District.

² The Committee's report was filed 5 days late, which does not meet RAD's Standard for referral to the Administrative Fines Program (*i.e.*, Standard 4 of the RAD Review and Referral Procedures requires, among other criteria, that a report be filed more than 5 days after the due date to be referable).

Commission dismiss the Complaint consistent with the Commission's prosecutorial discretion to determine the proper ordering of its priorities and use of agency resources. *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821, 831-32 (1985). We also recommend that the Commission close the file as to all Respondents and send the appropriate letters.

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